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TO: Don McCarroll or the correct person

COMPANY: CalFed Bay-Delta Program

FROM: Supervisor Tim Smith

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is
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*Thank you,
Allison Sanford*

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Resolution No. 99-1247

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EEVE T. LEWIS
County Clerk & ex-officio Clerk of the Board of
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the County of Sonoma.
By M. Bauman Deputy

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IDENTIFYING ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS THAT SHOULD BE
INCORPORATED INTO FUTURE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS
BY THE CALFED PROCESS

WHEREAS, the health of the San Francisco Bay/Delta estuary and the diverse ecosystems it supports are fundamental to the environmental well being of the entire Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, much of the Bay Area's economic vitality is supported by the Bay/Delta estuary, including industries such as tourism, recreational and commercial fishing; and

WHEREAS, the Bay/Delta estuary's health is in rapid decline, manifested by various indicators including dramatic reductions in fish populations, and due to a variety of devastating impacts, including the diversion of over 50 percent of its flows from the watershed's rivers, the loss of over 85 percent of historic wetlands, and the discharge of 40,000 tons of pollutants into the Bay; and

WHEREAS, since 1994 the Federal Government and the State of California, in conjunction with agricultural, urban and environmental stakeholders, have undertaken an effort to address the remarkably complex water resource issues of the Bay/Delta ecosystem through a process known as CalFed; and

WHEREAS, in the CalFed process the current public comment period for the Draft Programmatic EIR/EIS provides a critical opportunity for input on the issues affecting the San Francisco Bay/Delta estuary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby identify that the following essential elements must be incorporated into future policies and programs undertaken by the CalFed process:

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- * Water conservation by all users - Equitable water conservation practices must be required and enforced for all users throughout California. Managing demand through conservation practices and greater water use efficiency can eliminate or substantially reduce the need to construct new storage facilities. Until conservation practices and demand management have been implemented and monitored, the construction of new storage facilities should not be initiated.
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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma on this 21st day of September 1999.

SUPERVISORS:

Kerns: aye Smith: aye Kelley: absent Reilly: aye Cale: aye

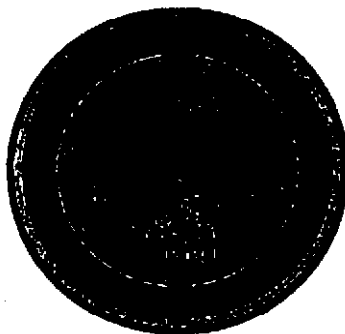
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August 23, 1999

The Honorable Tim Smith
Supervisor, 3rd District
Sonoma County
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Dear Supervisor Smith:

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is holding public hearings on its draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). This report outlines CALFED's plan to restore ecological health and improve water management for all beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system. Thousands of people, from state and federal agencies, urban, agricultural, environmental and business interests, local state and federal elected representatives, and the general public, have contributed to this proposed plan. The CALFED Program believes this proposal will ensure a healthy environment and economy for California well into the 21st Century.

Enclosed are hearing notices and a program summary. I encourage you and your constituents to attend the hearing and raise issues or concerns, or ask questions about the proposed plan.

Copies of the draft EIS/EIR are posted on the CALFED web site, <http://calfed.ca.gov>, or can be obtained by calling (800)900-3587.

If you have any questions, please call Dan McCarroll, CALFED legislative coordinator, at 916-653-5704, or Valerie Holcomb, CALFED public affairs director, at 916-654-7137.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

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California The Resources Agency
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Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture

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Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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